

Workshops to assist those returning from deployment, AMVETS Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse to educate children on drug and alcohol abuse, and the Americanism program to educate children on American heritage, civics and citizenship.

**Military Order of Purple Heart**

<http://www.purpleheart.org/>

The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is for veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal and have not been dishonorably discharged. The Purple Heart Medal is awarded to those wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy in the line of duty. A majority of MOPH funding goes towards the National Service Program. This program has National Service Officers (NSOs) that assist veterans and dependents claim benefits from the VA. NSOs also represent veterans at Board of Veteran Appeals and Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims no matter a service member's affiliation or membership status. MOPH programs also include Veteran Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) to assist veterans living in VA facilities, the Americanism program to educate children on veteran experiences, a National Scholarship Program, and a First Responders Program for policemen and firemen injured or killed in the line of duty. The organization also advocates for legislation related to veteran affairs.

**Vietnam Veterans of America**

<http://www.vva.org/>

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is for any veteran who served on active duty, other than training, in the Republic of Vietnam during specific dates of the Vietnam War and for those who served in any duty location between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975. There are 630 local chapters including 19 in North Carolina. North Carolina's VVA State Council is based in West End. The organization's programs advocate for issues important to veterans, seek full access to health care for veterans, identify injuries and illnesses related to service, create a positive perception of Vietnam veterans, account for POW/MIAs, serve communities, and support future generations of veterans.

**Marine Corps League**

<http://www.mcleague.com>

The Marine Corps League has over 1,100 detachments worldwide. The League is for currently serving or those that honorably served in the United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserves or the United States Navy Corpsman who trained with Marine FMF Units. The League supports active duty and veteran Marines through advocacy, scholarship, youth and volunteer programs. Programs include Marines Helping Marines (supports wounded Marines in various hospitals), Veterans Service Officer Program (assists Marines with benefit claims to the federal government), Military Order of Devil Dogs (a Marine honor society), and Toys-for-Tots (raises money and takes toy donations for needy children).